

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL\$3,168,062 50
RESERVE FUND\$482,127 00
RESERVE LIABILITY OF
PROPRIETORS\$1,668,062 50

COURT OF DIRECTORS—
CHAIRMAN—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq. | A. McCOMACHIE, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq. | S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
C. J. HOLLIDAY, Esq. | L. POKINCKE, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. | D. R. SASSOON, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK.

ACTING CHIEF MANAGER.
HONGKONG—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.
MANAGER.
SHANGHAI—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND
COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at
the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the
daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities,
and every description of BANKING and
EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1891.

RULES

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK
will be conducted by the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on their premises in
Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-
DAYS, 10 to 1; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.
2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, or MORE THAN
\$250 at one time will not be received. No
Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK,
having \$100, or more, at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the HONG-
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12
months at 4 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2 per
cent. will be allowed to Depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis
with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented
with each payment or withdrawal.
Depositors must not make any entries them-
selves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send
them to be written up at least twice a year,
about the beginning of January and
beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business
of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be
forwarded free by the various British Post
Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and
the production of his PASS-BOOK, are
necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1891.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL£500,000.

LONDON:
Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office.....25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
3 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL£5,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK,
Chairman.
Hon. C. P. CHATER,
Vice-Chairman.

LEE SING, Esq.
S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
J. S. MOSES, Esq.
G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
POON PONG, Esq.
D. R. SASSOON, Esq.

BANKERS.
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land,
and Buildings.
Properties purchased and sold.
Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and
Commission business relating to land, etc.,
conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Com-
pany's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1891.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that ARTILLERY
PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries
at Stone Cutters' Island, from the 27th instant
to 28th February next, both days inclusive,
between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.
The line of fire will be in a South-Westerly
direction from the Batteries.
All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are
cautioned to keep clear of the range.
By Command,
F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1891.

JURY LIST, 1891.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to
the Provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance
No. 18 of 1887, I have on the 1st inst., caused
to be posted in the Court House, a List of all
Men ascertained by me to be liable to serve as
JURORS.

The said List will remain so posted until the
14th instant, after which any Person may, as
the case shall be, apply by notice in writing to
me requiring that his name, or the names of
some other Person or Persons may be respec-
tively either added to, or struck off the said List,
upon cause duly assigned in such notice.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,
Registrar.

Registry Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 10th February, 1891.

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary Yearly MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on
SATURDAY, the 14th February, 1891, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors with a Statement of Accounts, to
December 31st, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 14th February,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHEELEY,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to Holders of
Shares in the above Company, on which
the "SECOND CALL of (2) Two Dollars per
Share due 1st November, 1890, is still unpaid,
that unless the said call with interest at the rate
of 12 per cent. per annum from the due date, be
paid on or before the 28th day of February, 1891,
at the Company's Office, 6 Ice House Lane, the
Shares in respect of which such call remains
unpaid on the aforesaid date will be liable to be
FORFEITED, and under the provisions of
Article X sub-section VIII of the Articles of
Association, the Board will pass the necessary
resolutions for the forfeiture of the said Shares.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
CHAS. F. HARTON,
Acting Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following
Shares in the above Company, on which
the 2nd and instant, declared FORFEITED by the
Board of Directors for non-payment of Call due
16th November, 1890, in accordance with the
powers given in the Company's Articles of
Association.

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Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

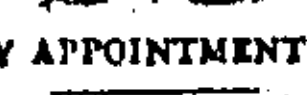
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.
Sole Agents for Hongkong and China, for"LEMOINE" NATURAL CHAMPAGNE,
(Without Liqueur).
AWARDED PRIZE MEDAL, PARIS, 1889.THE Special Features of this Pure Champagne are—
1st.—Its entire freedom from the usual sugar-candy, etc., consequently it is fresher, cleaner, and more wholesome than the Liqueured champagnes.

2nd.—Its Delicacy, due to the first pressings only of the grapes used; the later pressings make the wine rough and coarse, and necessitate the use of Liqueur.

3rd.—Its Natural Dryness, which is not aggressive, making it more appealing than satisfying.

4th.—No Liqueur being added, the process of re-corking is very rapidly effected, so avoiding the loss of carbonic acid gas—the most valuable property of Champagne.
Champagne should always be drunk cold; but to half freeze a light, delicate wine by putting it into an ice-pail for the best part of an hour, is to destroy all its fine vinous properties.

In former years, when heavily Liqueured Champagnes were alone obtainable, a good freezing was necessary to hide the nauseous sweetness of a ten per cent. dose of sugar-candy and alcohol; but consumers now demand a wine from natural sweetness or alcohol—a sparkling vintage which can be taken freely at luncheon or dinner, and which will improve, rather than destroy, the appetite.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1891.

BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.Our New Factory has been recently refitted
with automatic Steam Machinery of the
latest and most approved kind, and
we are well able to compete in
quality with the best
English Makers.The purest ingredients only are used, and the
utmost care and cleanliness are exercised
in the manufacture throughout.LARGE BOMBAY
"SODAS"We continue to supply large bottles as
heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of
our Customers who prefer to have them to the
ordinary size.COAST PORT ORDERS,
whenever practicable, are despatched by first
steamer leaving after receipt of order.FOR COAST PORTS, Waters are packed
and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and
the full amount allowed for Packages and Expenses
when received in good order.Counterfoil Order Books supplied on applica-
tion.Our Registered Telegraphic Address is,
"DISPENSARY, HONG KONG,"
And all signed messages addressed thus
will receive prompt attention.The following is a List of Waters always
kept ready in Stock—
PURE AERATED WATERS
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SALTZ WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
Tonic Water
GINGER ALE
GINGERADENo Credit given for bottles that look dirty,
or glass, or that appear to have been used
for any other purpose than that of containing
Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used
again by us.A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
Hongkong, China, and Manila.

MARRIAGE.

On the 7th January, at St. Jude's Church
South Kensington, London, by the Rev. R. W.
Forrest, D.D., Prebendary of St. Paul's, Hon.
Chaplain to the Queen, assisted by the Rev. H. C.
B. Field, M.A., of Sedburgh, Grantham; JOHN
DOUGLAS, eldest son of John Stewart Laprak,
Esq., of Hongkong and London, to ANNIE, elder
daughter of Edward Crisp, Esq., of The Lawes,
Batham-hill.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

REVOLT OF PORTUGUESE TROOPS.

LONDON, February 2nd.

Four hundred of the garrison at Oporto re-
volted in favour of a Republic and entrenched
themselves in the Town Hall, where they were
bombarded by the loyal portion of the troops.
The revolt was eventually suppressed, owing to
lack of ammunition. There were fifty killed on
both sides; order has since been restored.

THE BEHRINGS SEA DIFFICULTY.

February 3rd.

The Washington Supreme Court has admitted
that Great Britain has the right to appear in the
matter of the *Stoward* case. The court will
decide in April whether the prohibition to the
Alaskan Court, which ordered the seizure, can
be issued.

GERMANY.

February 10th.

Count Schlieffen succeeds Count Waldersee as
Chief of the General Staff of the German Army.

EGYPT AND THE DERIVISHES.

The Egyptian administration has ordered
troops to Tokar to expel the derivishes.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618,
S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland
Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.The troopship *Tyne* left Gibraltar for Hongkong
on January 7th.The British surveying vessel *Egeria*, Comd.
A. M. Field, left the harbour this morning for
Sandakan.The Taotai Li Shu-ang has been appointed a
Director of the China Railway Co. by Victor
Li Hung-chang.The report that the services of Rear-Admiral
Colomb had been secured by the Chinese Navy
are, says the *L. & C. Express* authoritatively,
entirely without foundation.The Californian Athletic Club refused Slavin's
demand of £300 for expenses to meet Corbett,
and have put up £200 for a fight between
Jackson and Corbett to come off in May.A NEW YORK Morning-pleen expedition, says a
contemporary, released six birds at Paris. One
of them arrived home after a year's absence.
This is even "taller" than the Biblical yarn
about Noah and the dove that never returned.WHOLESALE robberies on an extended scale by
armed bands have been prevalent for some time
past in the northern provinces of China. The
authorities are urged to take severe measures to
put a stop to this state of affairs, and make
examples of all robbers captured.THERE were no fewer than three thousand
Celestial visitors to the City Hall Museum
yesterday. This is a third best on record, the
celebration of the Queen's Jubilee having on two
separate occasions attracted over five thousand
sight-seers to the official curio shop in Queen's
Road.The Band of the 1st Argyll and Sutherland High-
landers will play the following programme at
the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening, com-
mencing at 7.45 p.m.:—
Overture, "The Fiddlers' Reel"..... Adams.
"The Fiddlers' Reel"..... Adams.
"The Fiddlers' Reel"..... Adams.
"The Fiddlers' Reel"..... Adams.
"The Fiddlers' Reel"..... Adams.The Singapore Straits Times hears that eight
policemen have been supplied for the main-
tenance of order at Raub, and that the work of
extending the Selangor telegraph line to Raub
has been begun. If all that doesn't boom
the greatly depreciated scrip of this wretched
El Dorado, we shall feel disposed to regard the
enterprise as a hopeless case.A GERMAN, described as Mr. Oscar Kilenschmidt,
merchant, of Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road,
was charged before Mr. Woodhouse at the Police
Court this morning with an offence against
common decency. He admitted the charge and
excused himself by saying he was drunk. Five
dollars. Cheap at the price. A Chinese would
most likely have been sent to goal for a month
without the option of a fine.MR. J. F. M. Cook, superintendent of the
Government Plantations at Penak, committed
suicide on the 12th ult., by throwing himself
overboard from a steamer he was voyaging in
to India. The general verdict will doubtless be
"suicide whilst in a state of temporary insanity,"
but we think the unfortunate man was so
heavily handicapped with his name, that there
was method in his madness.THE "skipper" of the *Ying Pak*, a passenger
launch, was charged before Mr. R. Murray
Rumsey, Harbour-master this morning with
carrying thirty-nine passengers in excess of his
licensed number yesterday. The defendant
admitted the charge, but pleaded that owing to
being Chinese New Year he could not prevent
the passengers from rushing on his launch. A
fine of \$25 was imposed.HARISON'S Surprise Party has been doing
wonderful business in India. The general Thomas
writes from Bombay that he is afraid he will not
be able to carry out his projected tour to the
Far East this year. Strong inducements have
been held out to him to "do the Australasian
colonies at the termination of his Indian season,"
but he will probably accept, but (so he vows)
by all that is good and true to be in Hongkong
not later than next summer.We would remind our readers that the benefit
performance tendered to Mr. Frank Fletcher by
local amateurs, will be given this evening in the
Theatre Royal, City Hall. If Mr. Fletcher is
not a great artist, he has at least shown himself
to be a clever musician and a useful around man,
and his association with and assistance to the
Hongkong Choral Society in getting up "The
Goldeliers" give him a special claim on local
playgoers. We trust Mr. Fletcher will have
a crowded house, and only regret that ill health
will prevent our regular dramatic critic from
personally witnessing an entertainment that we
feel quite certain will be of a most enjoyable
character. The "Kaptious" one hopes to be there.THE "Stanley Awful" left Singapore for Batavia
on the 5th inst. They are all yearning to return
to the good times in Hongkong, and dear old
Stanley, who, notwithstanding his chivalrous
adoration of Sir Silly-Billy Robinson's musical
atrocities, is a very good-hearted and well-
meaning coger, hopes to be able shortly to
recruit his present company with some first-class
talent, so that he can introduce to his Hongkong
patrons a really first-class show. Stanley says
Hongkong is the best place he ever lived in, and
that he will probably accept, but (so he vows)
by all that is good and true to be in Hongkong
not later than next summer.MR. A. P. MacEwen, for many years a resident
of this colony in connection with the old
established firm of Holliday, Wise & Co., and
one of the ablest and most independent of
unofficial members of the Legislative Council,
informs us that he has established himself
in business as a China merchant at
No. 31, Lombard Street, London, E.C. A
Cantonese merchant of much experience will be
associated in the business, and under Mr. Mac-
Ewen's supervision will have special charge of
the import and export departments. We wish
Mr. MacEwen every success in his new business.
His departure from the Far East was a great
loss to Hongkong; he was a thorough all-round
sportsman, a leader in every public movement,
a liberal supporter of our local institutions, and
a man who possessed the courage of his opinions
and was not afraid to set up to them.In chronicling the upsetting of a "ricksha" on the
11th inst., and which on the face of it was a
pure accident, the local Mrs. Brown shakes her
head, and with a sorrowing heart regrets
that the number of the "ricksha" is not known,
and that there is little chance of bringing the
cooler to justice! "Ve gods! Is this not enough
to make the sun stand still and the heavens
weep tears of commiseration for a community
upon which such drivelling idiosyncrasy is daily
inflicted? A ricksha gets the better of the
cooler in charge, and is upset before it can be
stopped. For this heinous offence the unfor-
tunate is to be brought to "justice." But say,
for instance, were late to relegate "Brownie" to
a more congenial sphere and place him between
the shafts of a "barrow" and that he accidentally
capsized his first "larc" would he consider it
right and proper if he were brought to "justice"
for it? Faith! Anglo-Saxon is barren of
phrases to adequately convey our contempt.THE *Chao Shimbun* says that a contract was
entered into between the local Electric Light
Company and the authorities in Tokio, that in
the event of a fire being caused by the electric
light and the Houses of Parliament were burnt
down, the company should hand over to the
Government the sum of yen 50,000. Very like a
whale.At the Government House masquerade Mr. Jno.
J. Francis, who we understand has not been
presented at Home, wore a Court dress; Mr.
Geo. Murray Balm, Editor of the *China Mail*,
who is likewise an outsider in Court circles, was
attired in the tatty Marlborough House get-up.
Now, who inspired that paragraph in the *Fish
Wrapper* three weeks ago?THE notorious Albanian bandit, Hadji Pillman,
wishes to make a meal of curried mutton. But at
the Turkish cook did not understand how to
prepare the dish, the culprit pushed back his
plate, saying: "I hate any of that stuff I should
have dyspepsia for a week at the very least."
There was no romance in that bandit for whom
indeed, shooting was too good.MR. BIRBY, manager of the Raub mines, wired
as follows on the 1st inst.:—"Total length of
north level is now 225 feet. Have struck leader
carrying good gold. Have driven intermediate
level since last report 60 feet; no leaders. No
shaft western lode, total length of level is 35 feet.
Have gone through 30 feet of leaders, barren
white quartz. Tunnel to Battery; have made
good progress. All this would seem to indicate
a prosperous time for the Raub Mining Co. in
the near future—and yet the shares are a drug
on the local market at about 75 cents.THE bicycle race which was fixed for Saturday
next, has been altered to a half-mile handicap.
The race takes place on the Shaikwan Road,
commencing at 2 p.m., the start being at North
Point Battery. A dozen entries have been sent
in and capital sport is anticipated. The following
are the names of the intending competitors and
their respective allowances:—Rivers, 100 yds.;
Machado, 45 yds.; Kew, 25 yds.; F. Lamert,
20 yds.; Lucas, 20 yds.; Sample, 10 yds.;
Skelton, 10 yds.; Collingwood, 8 yds.; S. Lamert,
5 yds.; Aitken, 5 yds.; Jackson and
Danson, scratch.We learn on good authority that the report in the
Macao Liberator the other day, stating that the
chief of the gang of pirates who plundered the
Douglas Co's steamer *Namoa* had been captured,
is premature. A man implicated in the piracy was
arrested at the Ladrone Islands, which doubtless
gave currency to the rumour, but he was not the
leader of the gang. The so-called pirate chief is
very well known in Macao, but so far he has
succeeded in eluding the energetic vigilance of
both the Portuguese and Chinese authorities.The Hongkong police, it would appear, have
highly distinguished themselves by displaying
that masterly inactivity which is their especial
forte, unless when valuable so-called Chinese
criminals are in request by the Cantonese
Government, or innocent men have to be made
martyrs to atone for official bungling.MR. JAMES HART, the Chinese Commissioner in
the matter of the Sikkim Treaty, will remain in
Calcutta a little time longer, says the *Statesman*,
when he will return to Shanghai in order to
resume his appointment as Commissioner of
Customs at that port. So well satisfied are the
Chinese Government with the results of his work,
that he will receive a special reward on his return
to Shanghai, and we are informed that he has
been invited to accept, as a mark of special
attention, on behalf of the Imperial authorities,
who grant him, not only self-conferred honours
through the country, but every honour that can
be conferred on a foreigner. Mr. Hart has,
however, from personal reasons, been obliged to
decline this invitation to visit Lhasa, though
he is none the less sensible of the honour con-
ferred on him by the Chinese Government, that
is in no way slow to reward faithful and diligent
service on the part of its foreign employees.In the *Peking Gazette* of the 9th ult.,—Li
Hung-chang, in conjunction with the military
Governor of Kirin, reports the death of an
expectant Taotai, Li Chin-yung. He was a native
of Kiangsu, and had distinguished himself against
the rebels. Being appointed to superintend the
Mo Ho Gold mines he had to force his way for
1,000 odd li through a difficult country, and at the
mines to suffer all manner of hardships from ice
in winter, and water, which rose in the shafts, in
summer. In 1880-81, the "tonnage" was 40,000
ounces of gold; in 1889, 10,000 odd ounces;
in 1890, 18,000 odd ounces. The Superintendent,
however, has accumulated to the climate, and the
memorialist asked that, posthumous honours
might be bestowed on him as if he had died on
active service; that his biography be written by
the Imperial biographer; and that permission
may be given for the erection of a temple to him
in Kiangsu. The Imperial rescript said: *Let it
be done; let the Yamen concerned take note.*THERE were not sufficient shareholders of the
Marina, Limited, in attendance at the extraordi-
nary general meeting convened for the Hong-
kong Hotel at 2 p.m. this afternoon, to form a
quorum, and Mr. St. John Hancock, who appears
to be the Chairman of the concern, adjourned the
meeting until Monday next at 5 p.m. This
meeting was only advertised in one local news-
paper, although quite a number of previous
attempts to get a quorum of shareholders
together have proved unsuccessful. Does the
Chairman wish to prolong the inevitable
indefinitely? We would earnestly request all
shareholders in this grossly mis-managed public
company to attend on Monday next, and strongly
advise them to take the management into their
own hands. All those who have any monetary
interests in the success of what ought to have
been one of the most lucrative businesses in the
colony, are invited to communicate with Mr.
Fraser-Smyth as to any possible means of rescue,
which may be done to have a proper statement
of accounts rendered, and the true position of the
Company ascertained.THE Austral Salon, says the *Sydney Bulletin*,
held a discussion on "Humour" one evening
recently, and in the course of the proceedings the
chaplains of the French warship offered a few
remarks in his own language. It would have
been all right, only the Salon took it for granted
that he was talking about humour and laughed
till it lost its voice and dislodged all its back
hair, and as the reverend gentleman was merely
thanking his friends for a very enjoyable evening
it was presently felt that a hitch had arisen
somewhere. When he had finished there was
an embarrassing pause. Some of the members
said "Out!" as an unceremonious sort of way,
and some of them groined in the dim recesses of their
memories for some disjuncted scrap of the
French they had learnt at school and said:
Appuyez la canif de mon oncle! The kindly
Frenchman felt in his pockets and replied that
he hadn't got it about him, and then the Salon
got into a perfect agony of perplexity, and fixing
his harassed eye upon the visitor, it exclaimed:
"Pollywog! Pollywog!" It is impossible to
guess what might have happened after that, but
luckily a male *Grand canif* to the rescue and cried
Out! Out! *Nil desperandum!* *Nihil
ali! Causa belli!* *Nil finitum erat calum;*
amittit similis curantur! and thus timely
quotations tided over the difficulty. The Salon
is now of opinion that it is rather backward with
its Hebrew, but otherwise his education is all
there.THE prosecution of the fire-cracker fiends at the
Police Court this morning added a trifling sum
\$200 to the Government Treasury. The delin-
quents laughed in their sleeves at the fifty cents
fine, and when outside the precincts of the
Temple of Justice—which, by the way, is a
place not fit to keep pigs in—indulged the
dispensers of justice (them!) in true Chinese
fashion. And in our opinion their Washups
had fairly earned the faint praise awarded them
in grim satire by the jubilant Celestials.TANGS the fair contributor of serial items to the
Australian contemporary—That was a whole-
souled, forgiving, angelic sort of bride an Adelaide
man took to be the guiding-star of his existence
the other day. Hardly had they settled down
after a blissful honeymoon than one fateful
morning there came a knock at their cottage
door and a fine healthy battling was handed in,
absolutely undressed, to the care of the master
of the house. Explanations were deeply
embarrassing, of course, for though most women
are willing to forgive, "wild oats" on the
part of their betrothed when these cereals
are but vaguely alluded to, still a tangible
"wild oat" weighing nine pounds handed
carefully in through the main door when it is
least expected, materially alters the complexion
of things. Not so, however, with this brute.
Instead of sending the unwelcome brat out
on its bald head into the gutter, talking
shrilly for two hours and going back to her
mother, she accepted the infant at once as one
of the family, placed it in a silk-lined cot, and
said no more about it! After all, women are
ever so much more forgiving than men. I wonder
what he would have done if three fat babies
in a basket had presented themselves at his
front door three weeks after marriage and she
had confusedly confessed to their being Roman-
tic incidents in her pre-nuptial career. Yes, I wonder
if he would have given them their nursery-room?

THE DOG'S COLLAR MYSTERY.

MAK SAM, aged 23, of Sam UI, "house-boy" to
Mr. William Legge, who was charged at the
Police Court with stealing a dog-collar and
chain, valued at one dollar, from his master at
the conclusion of the remarkable kidnapping
case which was reported fully in these columns
last Saturday, was again brought before Mr.
Woodhouse to-day.Charles C. Malsch, of the Public Works
Department, said that the dog chain never
belonged to him and he never gave it to the
prisoner.Mak declined to cross-examine Mr. Malsch, but
stated that Mr. Malsch's son gave him the chain.
He being recalled Mr. Malsch stated that he
had a dog named "Polly" which he bought in April
1889. He possessed one dog's chain and collar,
which was taken home to England. After considera-
tion, the witness remembered another chain
which was bought for him, but he couldn't say
whether the chain produced in court was the
one he referred to. He rather thought it was
not.The prisoner stated that a coolie named Atso,
now employed in Morque Terrace, bought the
chain.His Worship at this stage adjourned the further
hearing of the charge until Saturday next, bail
being allowed in two surties of \$25 each.We have no desire to unduly interfere with
the course of justice, but would really like to
know what all this fooling means. The charge
is a ridiculous one, whether true or false, and
the manner in which it has been played with
at the Magistrate is only another instance of public
justice bungled.

TRAINING NOTES.

The weather was again bitterly cold at the
Race-course this morning, but the attendance
was as large as ever, and considerable interest
was manifested in the gallops of the various
celebrities, especially in the Derby candidates.
It was naturally expected that some slight wind
would be blown on the probable result of the race for
the Blue Ribbon of the meeting, but these expecta-
tions were hardly realised, although in the
opinion of the "talent" Royalty's prospects of suc-
cess were greatly discounted by his somewhat
slovenly finish in a staid gallop over a mile and
three quarters with Arabic and Reciprocity.Leander's trial pony of last year making backs
of the two Derby candidates. Mr. Pond had
the mount on Royalty, "Boots" steered Reciprocity
and Mr. Sampson was entrusted the
task of making the time with the unceremonial
Keechong Cup winner. The trio kept well
together for about five furlongs, and then Arabic
streamed away by himself and cantered home
the lengths in front of the struggling griffins, "lit-
tle Pao-shing" (as Reciprocity has been nick-
named) beating the "crack" by a neck. Arabic's
full times were—34, 68, 1.41, 2.15, 2.51, 3.26,
and 4.02, a second; the others finished in 4 min.
44 secs. The course was in good going order
and fairly fast, but notwithstanding that Royalty
and taken altogether is a very much better
pony than most critics believe. Australia is a
"slag" of the first water, and had to be ridden
from pillar to post to keep near the Amoy
Subscription griffin, finally being beaten easily
by about three lengths. Cobweb's full times
were—37, 1.14, 1.45, 2.29, 3.02, 3.78, 4.12, and
4.45. Unicorn started exactly three seconds in
front of Chaser for a half-mile spin, the roan
registering 32 seconds for the first quarter and
308 for the second; Chaser's gallop, his first
quarter in 298 and was then "winded," the full
distance occupying 64 seconds. Cobweb was
ridden by Mr. Pond on the mile course, Kulu
Khan and Mercury joining in at the Valley
Stakes post; I was unable to get the full times,
but the final half mile occupied 688 secs.Blue Bonnet Mr. Hough and Orchid were sent
a mile and a quarter in 344, 68, 1.41, 2.17
and 2.43, the last quarter being slow and the
finish very indifferent. The Derby favorite Starlight,
Mr. Hutchings up, swept grandly along for a
mile and quarter in 32, 66, 1.40, 2.14, and
2.48, finishing like a thorough race-pony. He
will be a lucky man who finds this chequer's
conqueror on Derby day. Flight (Mr. Reynell)
was galloped a mile and a half in 35, 69, 1.49,
2.17, 2.51 and 3.26. Blaham last beat Radpole
after a close finish over the Valley Stakes distance
in 1.40, and both these griffins are decidedly in
the hunt in the "Sub" races. Leander galloped
a mile by himself, moving very stiffly at first, but
he warmed up after a while and negotiated the
latter half of his journey in 664 secs. Etruria
(Mr. Sassoon) and Elba went a mile and a
quarter in 318, 654, 1.371, 2.138, and 2.552;
the latter being beaten off whilst the vaunted cream
finished in swiftest style, sweeping all before
them. Etruria is as handsome a race-pony as
one could wish to see and evidently is gifted with
a rare turn of speed, but I doubt his being a
genuine stayer, and if he exhibited his true form
this morning, he has not a 100 to 1 chance for
the Hongkong Derby with Mr. Sassoon in the
saddle. It will be interesting to see this pony
perform over his best distance, say, a
mile, with a strong rider on his back.Blue Rina was sent two miles and a half in
37, 1.14, 1.45 and 2.17, but he showed symptoms
of coming to a halt on the last furlong. Mr.
Reynell, the Subscription griffin High Jinks (Mr.
Hutchings) joining in near the Black Rock first
time round. I timed the "Run's" last mile
and a quarter—35, 1.11, 1.47, 2.23, and 2.59,
High Jinks shutting up like a knife half-way
down the straight.AN OLD SPORTSMAN,
Hongkong, 12th February 1891.I timed Mr. Hutchings on Wild Mint for a mile
and three quarters—35, 69, 1.41, 2.15, 2.49, 3.26,
and 4 min. 2 secs., the shapely little grey moving
like a piece of machinery throughout. Enchanter
and Gicilia (Mr. Maclean) were "powed" six
furlongs in 34, 64, and 1.40, the grey going
much the better of the pair at the finish.The Tientsin representative Coquette was
driven along a mile and a quarter in 33, 65,
1.40, 2.15 and 2.50, and on this gallop I am
disposed to rate Mr. Forbes brown much higher
than is the general opinion of experts, especially
as the pony has recently been unwell, and is still
under suspicion. Mr. Mouat's Redfern, Mr.
Hutchings up, encompassed the Hongkong
Stakes distance in 32, 1.10, 1.46, 2.22, 2.58 and
3.33, a performance that will bear inspection
considering the way this handsome chestnut
came along the last quarter. Redfern's journey
will probably be for the German Cup, for
which important event he has more than an
outside chance. A capital mile and a
quarter gallop was that of Hilary and Vagrant
in 32, 66, 1.39, 2.14, 2.49, and plainly
enough indicated what an exceptionally strong
hand Mr. John Peel holds for the Derby. Which
is the best of Hilary, Merry Thought, and
Arden may be evidenced on Saturday, when
they will probably be asked a question as to
their relative merits at 10 to 1 odds, each over a
mile and a half.Glencoe (Mr. Maclean) and Chucanort
"powed" the Valley Stakes course in 31, 63,
1.39, the "Sub" having a slight advantage
over the handsome cream in the last fifty yards,
and he is certainly speedy enough to boid his
own with the other rubbish of his class, but
does not finish quite like a glutton. Mr. Reynell
rode Tolson d'Or a mile in 33, 68, 1.44, and
2.18, finishing in rather indifferent fashion; the
time record, however, is about the same as the
other favorites for the Valley and German. Mr.
Master sent Autocrat along for a mile and
half, this grand looking, now moving in
resolute fashion throughout and finishing full of
running. I missed his first quarter (probably
about 35 seconds), but the times for a mile and
a quarter were—33, 68, 1.41, 2.15 and 2.48.
Zephyr was steered by Mr. Sassoon over a mile
and a quarter, the spotted Doris being deputed
to bring the "crack" along at the finish. At
first the big brown was kept well in hand and the
time was consequently slow, but when once his
head was let loose he came along like a whirl-
wind, and rousing clear away from Doris,
recorded the fastest performance of the morning—
namely, 344, 69, 1.40, 2.18 and 2.45.After "Square Nogg" had defeated the
stiffened-up Lygodan, Mr. Pond steered Home
Guard in a steep mile and a half gallop, the
Shanghai conqueror of Zephyr exhibiting a
very best form, the way he came down the
straight being a treat to witness. The record
reads—37, 1.11, 1.45, 2.17, 2.51 and 3.22, and
the old pony had a good deal left in him.
Senator was sent three quarters of a mile in
34, 68 and 1.41, and the good looking Crown
Diamond went a mile and a quarter in 34, 66,
1.39, 2.14 and 2.48, the finish of the latter
being anything but encouraging to his backers.
Black Silk pulled over Hautboy in six furlongs
in 34, 66 and 1.43, was too slow to tell us anything about the actual value of
the black'un. Merry Christmas (Mr. Hough)
was beaten off by Leap Year over a mile and a
quarter in 34, 67, 1.41, 2.15 and 2.50, the
Derby winner of three years ago finishing with
great resolution.Waldo, going alone, registered a mile in 33, 67,
1.41 and 2.14, but the handsome bay was all out
at the end and finished badly. Tom-tit (Mr.
Machado), Quickstep, and Jubilee (Major Hannay)
were "powed" six furlongs; the last named was
beaten off and the other paired home together in
35, 64, and 1.38. Tom-tit is certainly a
handsome little pony and possesses a fair share
of speed, but his finish was scarcely suggestive
of a Valley Stakes winner. I was glad to see
the flying Skipjack once more at work, and his
mile gallop with Mr. Pond in the saddle in 34,
67, 1.42 and 2.16 may indicate another win in
the Consolation for Mr. Buxey's bonny bay. A
grand struggle over a mile was witnessed between
Salpêtre (Mr. Reynell) and Phoenix (Mr. Maclean),
in which the griffin showed the better speed, but
Salpêtre, after being out-paced, gamely answered
Mr. Reynell's resolute calls, and won very
handsomely at last. The time was 37, 68, 1.40
and 2.15. Emerald and Go Bang (Mr. Maclean)
galloped the German Cup distance in 34, 69,
1.42, 2.16 and 2.53, the former going the
stronger of the pair at the finish. Cobweb (Mr.
Hutchings) strode along for two miles, Mr.
Sassoon on Austrelis "clipping in" near the
mile and a half starting post and keeping with
the Amoy pony the remainder of the journey.
Cobweb has a long, sweeping stride that should
make him dangerous for the long distance races,
and taken altogether is a very much better
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selves as satisfied with their conference with Mr. O'Brien, and hope for a speedy settlement.

VIENNA, January 25th.
The Austrian Reichsrath has been dissolved.

CAIRO, January 25th.
A mixed legal Commission under the presidency of the Minister of Justice has been appointed to study Mr. Justice Scott's scheme.

LONDON, January 26th.
Serious floods have taken place in France and Belgium owing to the sudden and complete thaw that set in.

RANGOON, January 26th.
The proposal to form this Province into a Lieutenant Governorship, which we mentioned in our issue of 8th December, is ripening. We hear from reliable sources, that it has been decided to advance Burma to the same status as that enjoyed by Bengal, the North-West and the Punjab, and that our first Lieutenant Governor will be Sir Alexander Mackenzie.

A TRIP TO YUN-SHUI TUNG IN THE WESTERN HILLS, PEKING.

About half-a-day's journey to the south-west of Peking-shan lies a narrow opening in the hills, called Ku-shan-kow, a village, rather superior to the ordinary hamlets of the district, with white-washed houses, and roofs of slate or thatch, stands at the mouth of the valley, and on the opposite side the stream are rocky cliffs rising in the distance to a very great height. This valley leads north-west, right into the recesses of the hills, and in it stands the temple of Chieh-tai-an.

It may have been because the slates and whitewash had an English rather than a Chinese air, the roofs being straight and smooth like those of Chester, that I had a Chieh-tai-an appeared to me when I visited it last October, something altogether better than any other temple on the Western Hills. Perhaps, too, the contrast between it and the other places at which I had lately lodged, helped to strengthen the good impression. The night before I intended to put up at Shih-t'ing, where the T'ai-shih-ho issues from the mountains and takes its eastward bend across the plain, but I had found Yüeh-po-an, the temple at otherwise charming spot, in a ruinous condition, owing to recent floods, and I had been driven from pillar to post in half-a-dozen small villages, until late at night I was fain to lie down on a kang, with eight Chinamen, in a mud hut at Yang-tou-kang. Nor had the night before been spent in excessive luxury. My journey had been stopped on the top of Lo-kou-ling, quite early in the day, by a squall of rain and driving mist. I had lodged in a small roadside temple, dedicated to Kuan-yin, and slept in an inner room, the den of an opium-smoking priest where the windows had not been opened for months or years, and which was admirably situated for catching all the fumes of the cooking stove, and all the exclamations of a dozen fellow travellers. Still I had had a good time: my donkeys had gone well; I had had no aggravated disputes about money matters; I had made the ascent of the big hill behind Chieh-tai-an, where I had visited the cave of Chieh-tai-an; I had passed along the glorious ravine of the Fo-men-kou between cliffs of dazzlingly white limestone; I had found the before mentioned opium-smoking priest a pleasant, chatty individual, and had learnt the names, ages, addresses, and occupations of a large assortment of miscellaneous natives.

Still, whatever the reason might be, it remains a fact that I was greatly surprised with Chieh-tai-an. I was shown into a great chamber that would not have disgraced—due allowance being made for difference of style—some old-fashioned coaching inn at home. One of two priests came in to interview me, and soon after a "nice little boy" (a young fellow) appeared with a big copper basin of "nice warm water," which being poured, he stood respectfully by the door with his hands by his sides and his eyes on the floor awaiting my orders. He was prettily dressed in green and yellow, and had a gentle, intelligent face. The room was very tastefully furnished with a thick, coloured carpet on the kang, and valuable curios in the niches of the elaborate wooden sideboard and cupboard. A screen of carved panels separated it from an inner apartment. Outside were persimmon trees loaded with fruit, and a few plants with a great collection of flowering plants in pots, all beautifully cared for, and places baskets were hung up for the reception of written paper, which the passer-by was requested to "revertibly cherish." In the front court of the temple were stands of lances and arrows. There was no dilapidation and, as far as I could see, no dirt anywhere about the place.

The surroundings are as charming and romantic as anything in this part of China. The hills rise in crags of white limestone on two sides, while gentle slopes, partly cultivated, are seen across the valley in the distance. My journey, on the next day, led me into the limestone mountains; up a narrow gorge between high and almost perpendicular cliffs, where the sun scarcely penetrates at noon. The hills are covered with wood, and from time to time magnificent mountain maples flitted between the trees. A narrow footpath follows the stream up the valley; after half a mile or so a place is reached where there must be a magnificent waterfall during the summer rains. Here the path becomes a flight of steps, which lead to a tea-house or pavilion at the top of the barrier of rocks causing the waterfall. This point is about nine hundred feet above the plain. Still higher up the valley are a large number of temples and shrines, the abode of some sixty priests besides a great crowd of other persons attached to the temples. This is one of the high places of Buddhism. It is known as Chieh-tai-an-shih-miao-an and also as Tou-shih-shih. The first name indicates that there are seventy-two shrines, all of which are devoted to the name of a Buddhist saint (the latter name) let a bucket drop in a place where he was overcome by thirst; whereupon a spring of perennial freshness instantly appeared. It is a lovely place. This upper part of the valley is less overgrown by the great cliff-like hills than the portion lower down, and the roofs of the temples may be seen dotted here and there in a dense mass of foliage, or perched on apparently inaccessible rocks. I did not see many of the shrines. For the thing I was to do was to be going on like a sale by auction. One priest said he would take me all over the place for eight dollars, whereupon another insisted on ten. It did not occur to these gentry that I should have a voice in the matter and would probably choose the most reasonable instead of the most extravagant offer. As it happened, I got a guide who was quite competent for all my purposes for half-a-dollar; but I shook the dust of Chieh-tai-an-miao-an from off my shoes.

The guide was perhaps less efficient than he might have been. I wanted to visit the high mountains between, where I stood and the Ho-tai-kou; and I wanted to know their distance, names, situations, etc. But of all these things the priests, one and all, appeared entirely ignorant; so I told my guide just to walk about the hills with me all day long, show me the sights, tell me what he could, and conduct me safely back to Chieh-tai-an by evening.

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**Today's
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**THEATRE ROYAL
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THIS EVENING,
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**BENEFIT TENDERED
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"ARTAXMINOUS YE GREAT,"
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OPERA
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By kind permission of Colonel CHATER and the Officers of the A. & S. Highlanders, an efficient Orchestra will be in attendance under the baton of Mr. HILL, Bandmaster.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Plan can be seen at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [245]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that the Hongkong Volunteer Artillery Corps are to carry out GUN PRACTICE from a position on the Shau-ki-wan Road below the North Point Battery, on SATURDAY, the 14th instant, between the hours of 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

A target will be moored at about 1,000 yards from the shore in a North-Easterly direction. All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

By Command,
F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [273]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the enclosure of the Race Course during the Race days without tickets, which can be had on application from the Undersecretary.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"
Captain J. G. O'Leary, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 17th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [272]

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES,
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.**

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "JAPAN"

are hereby informed that their goods are being loaded at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery after the 15th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are also hereby informed, that all claims must be made before the departure of the steamer, otherwise they will not be entertained. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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It is suffered from Consumption, Scrofula and General Debility will try Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, they will find immediate relief and a permanent benefit. The Medical Profession in the various countries of the world universally declare it a remedy of the greatest value, and as it is very palatable it can be readily taken by the most sensitive stomach, and will never fail to give relief and comfort to the sufferer. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Ld.), Agents in Hongkong and China.—(Adv.)

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**ST. JOHN LODGE
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No. 618, S.C.**

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [251]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"FOKION,"
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 13th February, at Noon.

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DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [264]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"LY-EE-MOON,"
Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 13th inst., at 4 P.M., instead of as previously notified.

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SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [253]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

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"DIAMANTE,"
Captain G. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at 4 P.M.

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"MOULU" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"VERONA,"
Captain F. H. Seymour, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 20th inst., at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [25]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
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will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival here with the outward English mails.

E. L. WOODIN,
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STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

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M/Z.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "PESHAWUR," Captain W. A. Whaler, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched for this for LONDON, via BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the 19th February, at NOON.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M., on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

Tra will be sent either via Bombay or Colombo, according to arrangement.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [25]

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES HOULLERES
DE TOURANE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS
in the above Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1891, at Halfpast One, at the Douane, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors on the working of the Company and passing a Resolution modifying the present system of Transfers.

Shareholders holding 20 Shares or more who wish to be represented at the above Meeting can sign Powers of Attorney at the Offices of the Undersecretary.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [266]

Intimations.

**THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The East Borneo Planting Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., No. 6, Ice House Lane, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of February, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of passing the following resolution, that is to say—That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865, 1890, and that C. S. SHARP and L. HALLWARD, both of Hongkong, be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up.

Dated Hongkong, 12th February, 1891.
By Order of the Board,
CHAS. F. HARTON,
Secretary.

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**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 23rd February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1890.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1891. [224]

THE HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB will take place on the Race-course (by kind permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club), on SATURDAY, the 28th February, commencing at 1 O'CLOCK p.m. precisely, when the following Events will be contested.

- 1.—100 Yards Flat Race. (Handicap).
- 2.—Putting the Shot.
- 3.—Long Jump.
- 4.—220 Yards Flat Race. (Handicap).
- 5.—Bicycle Race—Half-Mile. (Handicap).
- 6.—Half-Mile Flat Race. (Open to Soldiers and Police).
- 7.—Hurdle Race—120 Yards—10 Flights.
- 8.—Half-Mile Flat Race. (Handicap). Ladies' Purse.
- 9.—High Jump.
- 10.—Bicycle Race—One Mile. (Handicap).
- 11.—100 Yards Challenge Cup.
- 12.—Highland Fling. (Open to Soldiers and Police).
- 13.—Throwing the Cricket Ball.
- 14.—Mile Challenge Cup.
- 15.—Veterans' Race. (Competitors must be over 35 years of age and of not less than 10 years Residence in the East).
- 16.—Tug-of-War. (Open to all Teams).
- 17.—Quarter-Mile Challenge Cup.
- 18.—Steeple-chase—Half-Mile.
- 19.—Consolation Race—120 Yards.

Competitors in Events Nos. 2, 6, 12, 15, and 16 not being Members of the Club to pay an Entrance Fee of \$1 for each Event.

The above Events, with the exception of Nos. 2, 6, 12, 15, and 16, are Open only to those Gentlemen Amateurs who are Members of the Hongkong Athletic Club.

Entry Forms can be obtained from Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., and the Undersecretary.

ENTRIES CLOSE on the 20th instant.

W. H. YOUNG,
Hon. Sec., H.K.A.C.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1891. [250]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A HANDICAP CHALLENGE CUP (Long Range) and RANGE SPOONS will be held on SATURDAY next, the 14th instant, at 1.15 P.M. Distances 800 and 900 yards, ten shots at each. Position, any. Entrance fee 30 cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 2.45 P.M. to convey competitors.

C. VIVIAN LADDS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1891. [265]

NOTICE.

GRIFFITH'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS, 1, Ice House Road are suitably lighted to produce all styles of Portraiture in any weather. CABINETS from \$5 a dozen. CARTES DE VISITE from \$3 a dozen. LIFE SIZED BUSTS in Colour, or Black & White. IVORY MINIATURES, &c., &c. NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG and the Coast Ports are always ready.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1890. [258]

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs; in either sex (acquired or constitutional), Gravel and Pains in the Back, Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in Boxes: 4s. 6d. each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World. Proprietors: The Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England. [161]

JOHN AMBROSE CLARKE, Teacher of Officers and Engineers, No. 75, WINDHAM STREET, Opposite Central Police

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 256 per cent.—premium, sellers.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, New Issue.—\$322 per share, sellers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.
 China "Traders" Insurance Company—\$64 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—115 per share, sellers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$89 per share, nominal.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$342 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$91 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$39 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$364 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—130 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$160 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s 5th per cent. Debentures—\$50.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—271 per cent. discount, sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$17 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$181 per share, buyers.
 Luon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$93 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$211 per share, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—3 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$138 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$23 per share, nominal.
 Punjion and Sunghie Dua Samantana Mining Co.—\$175 per share, sellers.
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—80 cents per share, buyers.
 Imuria Mining Co., Limited—\$131 per share, sellers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$77 per share, buyers.
 Yonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$425 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$60 per share, sellers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$63 per share, sellers.
 The Songel Koyah Planting Co., Limited—\$111 per share, buyers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$40 per share, nominal.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—50 per cent. div., sellers.
 The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$20 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$86 ex. div., sellers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$6 per share, sales.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$30 per share, sellers.
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.
 The Labak Planting Co., Limited—\$31 per share, sellers.
 The Lamag Planting Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
 The Yelabu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sellers.
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.
 The Shamoen Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$17 per share, sellers.
 The Trust and Loan Co. of China and Japan—\$201 per share, sellers.
 The Trust and Loan Co. of C., J., and S.—\$190 Founders shares.
 The Hongkong Marine, Limited—par., nominal.
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Limited—\$20, sellers.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 PEKING, German steamer, 954, F. Schulz, 12th February, Wuhu 7th February, Rice, Siemens & Co.
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 LANDSKRONA, British bark, 1,370, J. W. Boyd, 9th Jan.—New York 31st July, Petroleum—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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Intimations.
NOTICE.
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Post Office.

MAIL WILL CLOSE.
 For Bangkok—Per Para Chom Kiao to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 8.30 A.M.
 For Shanghai, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per Natsui to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui—Per Smith to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
 For Swatow—Per Peking to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
 ACTIV, Danish steamer, 155, H. Hygoen, 8th Feb.—Haiphong 5th February, General—A. R. Marty.
 ASAGAO, Japanese steamer, 1,521, H. Seld, 8th Feb.—Nagasaki 3rd Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bishi Kaisha.
 CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 1,129, R. R. Scarle, 10th Feb.—San Francisco 10th Jan., and Yokohama 5th Feb., Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.
 DIAMANT, British steamer, 514, G. A. Taylor, 10th Feb.—Manila 7th Feb., General—Russell & Co.
 DOM JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, R. Beltran, 1st Feb.—Manila 28th Jan., General—Brandao & Co.
 DORIS, German steamer, 771, I. Raben, 5th Feb.—Dall 26th January, General—Melchers & Co.
 FALKENBURG, German steamer, 99, Friedrichs, 10th Feb.—Saigon 5th February, Rice—Melchers & Co.
 FAME, British steamer, 117, Brown—Hongkong Government tender.
 FIDELIO, German steamer, 853, H. Brorzen, 16th Jan.—Touzon 14th Jan., General—Melchers & Co.
 FRIEDRICH, Danish steamer, 397, C. A. Land, 5th Feb.—Pohol 4th Feb., and Hoihow 6th Feb.—General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 GHAAZE, British steamer, 1,764, A. Scotland, 2nd Feb.—Moat 18th Jan., Coals—Adamson, Bell & Co.
 GWALIOR, British steamer, 2,733, F. Cole, 30th Jan.—Bombay 10th Jan., and Singapore 22nd, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 HAILONG, British steamer, 781, Roach, 8th Feb.—Tamsui 5th Feb., Amoy 6th Feb., and Swatow 7th General—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
 HAIPHONG, French steamer, 845, Bonquet, 10th Feb.—Haiphong 7th Feb., General—Messageries Maritimes.
 LY-RE-MOON, German steamer, 1,238, G. Neumann, 9th Feb.—Whampoa 9th February, General—Siemens & Co.
 MEIKOO, Chinese steamer, 1,284, W. H. Lunt, 7th Feb.—Whampoa 7th Feb., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 MICHAEL JENSEN, German steamer, 710, T. C. Mathieson, 26th Jan.—Saigon 19th Jan., Rice—Wiel & Co.
 NANSHAN, British steamer, 805, Blackburn, 7th Feb.—Bangkok 20th January, and Anghin 1st Feb.—Hop Hin.
 OXFORD, British steamer, 1,891, W. Jones, 2nd Feb.—Kutchinotru 28th January, Coals—Russell & Co.
 PEMPOT, German steamer, 1,541, W. Johansen, 31st Jan.—Singapore 23rd Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 PHRA CHOM KIAO, British steamer, 1,011, J. Fowler, 3rd Feb.—Bangkok 26th January, General—Yuen Fat Hong.
 PHRA NANG, British steamer, 1,021, W. H. Walton, 10th Feb.—Bangkok 3rd Feb., General—Yuen Fat Hong.
 PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 SIEMAN, British steamer, 845, E. F. Stovell, 9th Feb.—Saigon 4th Feb., Rice and Paddy—Chinese.
 SMITH, Chinese steamer, 705, H. Lottier, 9th Feb.—Kowloon 7th February, Ballast—Chinese.
 SUREX, British steamer, 1,620, H. F. Holt, 8th Feb.—Saigon 4th Feb., Paddy and Rice—Adamson, Bell & Co.
 TAI YICK, German steamer, 905, M. Wank, 10th Feb.—Saigon 5th Feb., Rice and Paddy—Meyer & Co.
 TRANCE, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, 11th Dec.—Haiphong 27th Dec., Ballast—Chinese.
 THURSTON, German steamer, 674, J. Brink, 9th Feb.—Pohol, and Hoihow 7th February, General—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

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 are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this HARBOUR a notice of the COMPANY'S FOREMAN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.
 In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Underigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.
 D. GILLIES,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 25th August, 1888.

Dr. Knorr's ANTIPIRYNE.

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 IS the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING-COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also a very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the medical Faculty. To be had from every reputable Chemist and Druggist. Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTIPIRYNE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature, "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.
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 Hongkong, 20th May, 1888.

NOTICE.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF SANDAKAN.
 IN ITS PROBATE JURISDICTION.
 In the Will and Estate of CHARLES WALTER FLINT, of Sandakan, Deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims against the Estate of CHARLES WALTER FLINT, deceased, late of Sandakan, Merchant, Probate of whose Will has been granted by the High Court of Sandakan, to H. B. DUNLOP of Sandakan, Executor appointed by the Will of the said deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars of such claims to the said Underigned, on or before the Thirty-first day of October, 1891. And Notice is hereby given that after such date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.
 Dated this First day of November, 1890.
 P. F. J. MARCUS,
 Registrar.
 Receiver for the said Executor.
 High Court,
 Sandakan.

Amusements.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.
"THE GONDOLIERS."
 The Society will give
 A PERFORMANCE
 OF THIS OPERA
 on SATURDAY, the 14th February, at 9 p.m.
 Seats may be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
 PRICE, \$2 EACH.
 Tickets sold at the door of the Theatre.
 Dress Circle and Stalls\$2 each.
 Back Seats\$1 each.
 Soldiers, Sailors and Police in uniform Half-price to the Back Seats.
 N.B.—Books of the Words of the Opera may be had of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s Price, 50 Cents.
 Special TRAM-CARS will run as follows:—
 Down. Up.
 Saturday, 8.30 p.m. 15 minutes after
 and performance of
 the 14th Feb. 8.45 p.m. "Gondoliers."
 ROBERT LYALL,
 Hon. Secretary.
 Hongkong, 10th February, 1891.

Insurances.

THE STANDARD
 A SCOTCH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS
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 THE Standard has a long record of good services to refer to; its Funds, annually increasing, amount to £7,000,000 Stg.; the Premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.
 ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
 Agents, Hongkong.
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ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
 EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, 12th April, 1890. [244]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.
 REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
 Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [66]

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. [1567]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.
 The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
 WOO LIN YUEN,
 Secretary.
 HEAD OFFICE,
 No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
 Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [216]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, \$833,333-33.
 EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND\$318,000-00.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.
 LOY TAO SHUN, Esq.
 MANAGER—HO AMEI.
 MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the world.
 HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
 Hongkong, 17th December, 1887. [7250]

Consignees.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.
 THE Company's Steamship "KEEMUN" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
 No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Underigned before NOON on the 12th inst., or they will not be recognized.
 All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.
 Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon, TO-DAY.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents,
 Hongkong, 6th February, 1891. [241]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "CITY OF PEKING," are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at Wanchai, whence delivery may be obtained on countersignature of Bills of Lading.
 Goods remaining unclaimed after the 17th instant, will be subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance is effected.
 CHAS. D. HARMAN,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, 10th February, 1891. [2]

Hotels.

THE SHAMEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.
 THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive Visitors.
 The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Rooms, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.
 The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experienced hands.
 Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best quality only.
 A. F. DO ROZARIO,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1047]

THE BOA VISTA.

BISHOP'S BAY, MACAO.
 THIS House, situated on the sea shore in one of the best and healthiest parts of Macao, and commanding an admirable view facing the South, was OPENED as a HOTEL on the 1st July.
 Every comfort will be provided for visitors, with excellent cuisine and choice Wines.
 Hot, Cold, Shower and Sea Water Baths. Large and well Ventilated Dining, Billiard, and Reading Rooms, and well supplied Bar.
 A small dairy is attached to the premises.
 Mrs. MARIA B. DOS REMEDIOS,
 Proprietress. [34]

To be Let.

TO LET.

GODOWNS—BLUE BUILDINGS.
 Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1890. [51]

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.
 No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL.
 OFFICES—above Messrs. Douglas, Laprak & Co.'s Premises.
 Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 16th December, 1890. [49]

TO LET.

No. 4, WEST TERRACE.
 Entry, 1st March.
 Apply to
 G. C. ANDERSON,
 13, Praya Central.
 Hongkong, 4th February, 1891. [233]

TO BE LET.

No. 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
 Apply to
 HERCULES J. SCOTT.
 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1891. [227]

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.
 THE MARINE HOTEL.
 SITUATE on the Praya, opposite to the old P. & O. Wharf, comprising—22 Bed-rooms, Dining-room, Billiard-room, Bar, &c.
 Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 16th December, 1890. [52]

TO LET.

NOS. 9 & 11, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
 ROOMS in College Chambers
 No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
 OFFICES and CHAMBERS in Connaught House, Queen's Road Central.
 OFFICES in Victoria Buildings.
 No. 3, GOUGH HILL, The Peak, Furnished.
 Apply to
 DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1891. [110]

KOWLOON.

TO LET.
 Possession from 1st February.
 THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING Co.'s ESTATE.

HEALTHY SITUATED 5 ROOMED HOUSES with Bath-rooms complete, splendid view. Moderate Rent. Gas laid on.

Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 3rd January, 1891. [36]

TO LET.

BLUE BUILDINGS.—Ground Floor of No. 2, First Floor of No. 3, Second Floor of No. 4 (Possession 1st March).
 Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 31st January, 1891. [45]

MAGAZINE GAP.—Two Semi-detached Houses. Rent \$45 each.

Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 31st January, 1891. [45]

TO LET.

No. 27, ELGIN STREET, behind the Old Union Church.
 Apply to
 ACHIE & Co.
 Hongkong, 9th January, 1891. [40]

TO BE LET.

A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE No. 4, "Wild Dell Buildings," Wanchai Road (opposite Bakery).
 No. 1 (corner house facing East) and No. 6 (corner house facing West).
 RICHMOND TERRACE.—The former was Conservatory, and Tennis Lawn. Each House contains six good rooms and is pleasantly situated.
 HENRY HUMPHREYS.

TO BE LET OR SOLD.

On favourable terms, with immediate Possession.
 EIGHT HOUSES at "Mountain View," Peak District, near Plumkett's Gap. If sold, part of the Purchase money can remain on Mortgage.
 Apply to
 JOHN A. JEFF.
 35 & 40, Queen's Road Central,
 Hongkong, 20th December, 1890. [170]

For Sale.

INTIMATION.

P. Blackhead & Co.,
 SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS,
 AND
 PROVISION MERCHANTS,
 NAVY CONTRACTORS,
 AND
 GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.
 No. 11, Praya Central.
 (Opposite Fadder's Wharf).
SOLE AGENTS
 for
RAHTJEN'S
GENUINE
COMPOSITION
 FOR THE BOTTOMS OF IRON SHIPS.
 HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT, specially manufactured for coating the inside of STEEL SHIPS.
 CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS PRESERVATIVE AGAINST ROTTING, DECAY, &c., of WOOD.

SAPOLIO.

ENOCH MORGAN'S SON'S
 SAPOLIO.
 FOR GENERAL CLEANING PURPOSES.
 CHR. MÖTZ & Co., BORDEAUX CLARETS
 MAX HAASSEN'S FRANKFURT ON M. CONSERVED MEATS,
 VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.
 CEMENT from the celebrated Factory of Hemmoor.
 SWEDISH TAR and OREGON PINE LUMBER.
 FLENSBURG STOCKBEER, ENGINEERS' and BLACKSMITHS' MACHINERY AND TOOLS.
 EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.
 AT
 REASONABLE PRICES.
 ALL KINDS OF COALS SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.
 Hongkong, 26th June, 1890. [132]
 JUST ARRIVED, FOR SALE.
 THE New Stem Winder and Enamelled Dial WATERBURY WATCH.
 SERIES J.—For Gentlemen, or large size.
 SERIES L.—For Ladies, or small size.
 Winds in less than a dozen turns; all the latest improvements. A perfect anti-rattling timekeeper; reliable, durable and accurate, and also
 SERIES E.—The "Good old favorite." The best form of the original Waterbury: offered at the reduced price of \$2.70 each. Orders from Out-ports to be accompanied by remittance for cost.
 THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Sole Agents in Japan, China, Corea, Hongkong & Macao.
 No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
 Hongkong, 20th February, 1891. [1198]
 CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS, (REGISTERED).
 AN ANTI-SEPTIC PAINT for the Preservation of Wood, Walls, Ropes and Ship's Tackle. May be applied to Beams, Floors, Water-coatings, Wooden Ornaments, Eaves, Roofs, Wooden Sheds, Farmers' and Gardeners' Implements, Carts, Posts, Fences,

THE *Dell Courant* has the following:—The Java tobacco crop for 1889 realised forty millions of guilders, and 1890 has proved a particularly good year to planters. Tobacco came then into greater demand than ever in America, and high rates ruled for leaf that suited the tastes of buyers. A few growers found fortune adverse to them, but most planters had every reason for satisfaction. The new tariff in America is expected to have a bad effect on prices, and as the new crop is estimated at 250,000 bales, an unusually high figure, buyers will very likely have more choice than they have had for some time. The new tariff, too, goes against their own true interests in setting quality above quality, thereby turning out much tobacco which falls considerably below the mark, and if no improvement takes place, a good deal of the leaf turned out will, it is feared, remain unsaleable. Neglect on this point and adherence to modes of cultivation that no longer suit the times are said to be as ripe in 1890 as in bygone years. The planters showed less remissness in dealing with the coolee question, which proved a matter of no small importance. The immigration of labour from China, reported to be 100,000, has been a great relief to the Straits. This flow of coolies shows steady increase, and though the cost of direct immigration presses heavily on the planters, they have the satisfaction of winning a victory over the coolee brokers in the Straits, who for years had the *Dell* labour market in their hands, and fixed both price and importation at will. These directly imported coolies turn out to be of better quality and prove less turbulent than the former class.

some means are devised of picking them out and controlling them, all must suffer for their fault. There are people at home who will, no doubt, think that it is a sort of "drama nigger" feeling which induces this carelessness, but there is really very little of it. In fact, the feeling in Shanghai, and the impelling forces are only high spirits and want of consideration. In the course of a year there is probably very little harm done altogether; but there is enough to turn the usual good-will of the country people in some villages into ill-feeling, and make them ready to retaliate if they catch a foreigner in difficulties. It would, perhaps, be possible for some of the chief people to get together and concert measures for controlling the too eager horsemen. It might be possible to form the cross-country riders into some kind of a corporation, whose committee should have power, with the assistance of the police, to stop a man's riding if it was proved that he was constantly careless of what damage he did, so long as he amused himself. What is to be feared, if something is not done, is that if foreigners who have been ill-treated appeal to their consuls, and the consuls to the Chinese authorities, these last will reply that the only course they can suggest is that the privilege of riding across-country, which we can hardly claim as a right, should be withdrawn altogether. Since Shanghai has opened the relations between foreigners and Chinese have been generally friendly, but there must be consideration and forbearance on both sides to keep them so.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD.

The fourth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the above named company was held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, at noon on the 7th inst. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and a statement of accounts up to the 31st December, 1890. (There were present—Messrs. J. J. Kewick (Chairman), E. L. Woodin, D. R. Sassoon, W. H. Forbes, D. E. Sassoon, C. P. Chater, and H. Hopplius (Directors); L. Poesnecker, J. F. C. de Rosa, F. Dowell, H. Wicking, T. I. Rose, F. Henderson, D. MacCallum, G. S. Coxon and E. Osborne (Secretary).)

The Chairman—Gentlemen, the report and accounts, which have been in your hands for some time, will, I trust, have enabled you fully to understand the present position of the Wharf Company, and there is not very much for me to say in respect to the figures before you. The first point to note is the improvement in the earning power of the company from its legitimate wharf business, and the economical cost of working, which has been found practicable. Exclusive of interest, commission, and other extraneous sources of revenue, the following figures show the profits derived from wharves, storage, landing and shipping alone since the company commenced its work, and for purposes of comparison will no doubt be considered interesting:

1887 Net earnings	\$54,138.94
1888 "	57,182.53
1889 "	53,824.11
1890 "	78,585.19

which figures, you will observe, show that a great development has taken place during the year just closed. Storage alone increased to the extent of about \$10,000—and it would in all probability, have been greater, but for the strike in Australia and other minor causes. On the 1st of January half of the West Point property was relinquished and we are in consequence liable for less rent to the amount of about \$15,000. There is a pleasing absence from the accounts before you, you will be glad to notice, of those extraordinary items for claims on account of short-deliveries, damages, &c. which in the previous year amounted to nearly \$12,000—and I think we have reason to expect that there will be no recurrence of these. The premises and property of the Company generally are all in thoroughly efficient working order, including launches, lighters, &c. In looking down the items of capital account, you will observe that there are sums charged for new buildings, additions, alterations, &c., upon the steam launches; these are items of expenditure which might be regarded as adding to their permanent value and so have been placed to first cost account, but the Directors, since the accounts were issued, have come to the decision that in future accounts this is not to be done, and a re-adjustment will be made. The launches, I may mention, all stand in the books well within their value. The reconstruction at West Point has been rather delayed by various occurrences, but is now progressing satisfactorily, and will be completed, we anticipate, in the course of the year. You will remember that a Committee of Investigation was appointed by the shareholders in August last and they went very thoroughly into the working of the Company's business, and the respective reports of the members of the committee received the due attention of the Board. These reports are at the disposal of shareholders on application to the Secretary. There does not seem to me anything which I can usefully add to these remarks, but I hope shareholders will be satisfied with the improvement in the Company's earnings. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I will be pleased to furnish any information I can to any shareholders who may wish to ask me any questions.

Mr. Wicking said, that in view of the discovery by the Committee of investigation of very grave deficiencies in the accounts of the company, for which the late book-keeper, Mr. Apene, was responsible, it was regrettable that the directors had not yet offered any explanations to the shareholders. It was distinctly shown that a sum of \$1,400 was not accounted for, and that should have been explained to the shareholders. He thought, he might, as well quote from his report of investigations, thus:—

"Defalcations of the late book-keeper, Mr. Apene—1. I wished to put certain questions to the Chairman of Committee relative to this enquiry. Under these circumstances, I think in the interest of the shareholders that the present Chairman would do well to enquire why these defalcations were not disclosed to the shareholders at the yearly meeting following. He believed the deficiency had been made good, but the shareholders had no means of knowing unless the Directors offered lucid explanations. He, as a shareholder, would be glad to know the reasons of the course pursued by the Directorate."

The Chairman—In reply to Mr. Wicking, of course I must make some explanation. I think shareholders will be satisfied with the fact that Mr. Wicking says \$1,400 was found out of order. Our late book-keeper, Mr. Apene, overpaid his account to the extent of \$1,400, and rather than let the company lose that sum the Chairman made up the deficiency.

Mr. Wicking—The Committee of investigation found several important documents and books of the Company missing, and the affairs of the Company, in a most deplorable state. With the present Secretary, the account under the heading "coffee hire" and "beer" was greatly reduced. Why could that not have been done before? He had no hesitation in saying that the Company's affairs were in a most scandalous state when the new Secretary accepted office. The accounts were certainly in a most deplorable state at that time. Things certainly appeared to be going on better, as they were, and he hoped the change for the better

would continue. There was a substantial profit, and an item of about \$10,000 as fees to Directors and auditors. Why this profit and this reduction of expenses of some \$30,000 had not long ago been shown in the accounts of this company was a matter for the Directors to explain to shareholders who, in common with himself, had been heavy losers. Instead of everything going on regularly, things had drifted from bad to worse and had become absolutely scandalous.

The Chairman—I should like to reply briefly to Mr. Wicking. I think it regrettable that he has seen fit to use such a term as scandalous in connection with the affairs of this Company, for I cannot think that there is anything really wrong, and I do not consider that word, "scandalous," in any way applicable to the matter. With reference to the Committee, as it was deemed undesirable to continue the sub-committee, that has been dropped and the whole Committee now directs the affairs of the Company.

Mr. Wicking—In making use of the word scandalous I meant that there was deliberate mismanagement. If your present Secretary was able to economize, as he undoubtedly has done in the space of one year, how was it that such was not done before? I attribute the losses of myself and others to undoubted mismanagement. During the foregoing remarks the Chairman warned Mr. Wicking that if he continued to persist in the use of the adjective scandalous he would be obliged to exercise the discretion vested in the occupant of the Chair for the time being. This had no effect on Mr. Wicking who, as far as could be gathered, said all he thought justifiable in the circumstances.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. H. N. Mody seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Messrs. H. Hopplius and D. R. Sassoon were re-elected Directors upon the motion of Mr. M. G. Grose, seconded by Mr. T. I. Rose.

Mr. de Rosa proposed and Mr. M. G. Grose seconded that Messrs. F. Henderson and T. I. Rose be re-elected auditors for the current year. Carried *unanimously*.

Mr. Grose proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Board of Directors which was carried by acclamation, and duly acknowledged by Mr. Kewick in behalf of himself and his colleagues on the Board.

With the announcement that dividend warrants would be issued forthwith the proceedings terminated.

A. G. GORDON AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

The second ordinary meeting of the above Company was held at the Hongkong Hotel on the 7th inst. There were present—Messrs. A. G. Gordon (Chairman), W. Parlane, R. G. Sheehan, A. Duer, W. Judd, W. S. Taylor, W. H. Potts, and J. V. P. de Jesus (Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, the report and accounts have already been in your possession for some days and with your permission we will take them as read. The only point that requires reference from me is that of future capital. We want more funds, and unless we call in the balance of calls and make further shares for the outside public we must break up. The result of the year's work has been better than the last, and we have had all the stock revealed by an outside gentleman, as shown on the report. The business has been good and we could declare a dividend to the shareholders, but we must have a working capital. Some of the shareholders have not yet paid their calls, and the remaining shares are not fully paid up, so that if shareholders find it at present to be best to wind up, there is nothing further for me to say. I shall be pleased to answer any questions the shareholders may like to put. If there are none, I beg to propose the adoption of the report.

Mr. Judd—Could we get none of the unpaid calls?

The Chairman—Yes, some have promised to make an early settlement, in a month or so, together with interest.

Mr. Judd—Will that enable you to go on?

The Chairman—Yes, but it is not that—it's the demand on the land.

Mr. Judd—The calls are not sufficient to meet that demand.

The Chairman—No, and it leaves us without a working capital.

Mr. Sheehan—Would the owner of the land not waive his right for a time; he is getting good interest on the mortgage.

The Chairman—Yes, I do not see but what arrangements might be made and allow us to continue.

Mr. Sheehan—Give the Bank a second mortgage.

The Chairman—If they would accept it; but I rather think they would not, because it is not their business.

Mr. Judd—Do not see why they should not, if the calls can be got in, as the Company would then be in a good position.

The Chairman—Well, if there are no further questions, I propose the adoption of the report.

Mr. Sheehan seconded, and on being put, the motion was carried.

The Chairman—The next business is to confirm the appointment of Mr. Parlane as one of the consulting committee and to appoint another member in place of Mr. McIntosh.

Mr. Duer proposed Mr. Judd, but that gentleman was not present.

Mr. Taylor seconded the re-election of Mr. Parlane.

The Chairman put the same to the meeting. Carried *unanimously*.

Mr. Potts proposed, and Mr. Judd seconded, the re-election of Messrs. L. Downes and A. O'D. Gourdin as auditors, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Potts—Would Mr. Judd become a member of the committee?

The Chairman—He is not at present in the Colony.

Mr. Potts thought he might be asked.

The Chairman said that was all the business, and having thanked those present for their attendance, the proceedings terminated.

The following is the report:—

I have now to submit to shareholders the audited statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1890.

After deducting all salaries, charges, and other expenses, there remains a balance of \$19,751.59 and it is proposed to deal with this amount as follows:—\$300 for remuneration to Consulting Committee, and \$5,500 written off Goodwill account, leaving a balance of \$7,951.59 carried forward to new account. This result of the year's work is a very satisfactory one, and I regret that the present state of the Company's finances will not permit of a dividend to the shareholders. The Directors have occupied a seat at the Board for some time previously, was not confirmed by the same meeting, nor were the shareholders present able to induce any of their number to fill the vacancies. This placed the remaining Directors in a very uneasy and difficult position. Mr. Anderson's co-operation was considered by the other members of the Board as very useful and beneficial to the Company, and, further, with only three members it had been for some of the year difficult to obtain

continue steps must be taken to procure more funds.

CALLS.
Sincere efforts have been made to collect all outstanding Calls on shares, and although a little has been obtained in this way, there still remains a considerable amount due on shares which are now liable to be forfeited without further notice.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.
Mr. W. Parlane has been invited to join the Board and his appointment requires confirmation. Mr. W. F. Macintosh having resigned, shareholder will be asked to appoint another member in his place.

AUDITORS.
The accounts have been audited by Messrs. L. Downes and A. O'D. Gourdin, who offer themselves for re-election.

A. G. GORDON, General Manager.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

Land and Buildings at Bowington, including the adjoining property at present occupied by the Steam Saw Mill	\$8,019.62
Goodwill	5,500.00
Stock Account:—	
Stock-in-trade, Machinery, Plant, &c.	64,528.97
and unfinished work on hand	16,555.58
Sundry Debtors	5.31
Cash on hand	\$173,609.48

Liabilities.	
Capital Account:—	
Authorized Capital 6,000	
Shares at \$25 each	\$150,000.00
Subscribed Capital 4,000	
shares	100,000.00
Less unpaid calls	11,800.00
	\$88,200.00
Mortgage on Land and Buildings	45,000.00
Due to Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	13,020.05
Sundry Creditors	13,637.84
Balance of Profit and Loss account	\$173,609.48

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
Dr.	
Charges Account	\$242.75
Crown Rent and Taxes	468.68
Interest	3,186.47
Auditors' fees	150.00
Balance	13,751.59
	\$17,799.49

Cr.	
Balance brought forward from last year's working account	\$3,020.92
Amount written off as per last report	1,438.30
	\$1,582.62
Balance at Credit of working account	\$14,216.87
Rent of Saw Mills	1,956.00
Transfer fees	4.00
	\$17,799.49

E. & O. E.

A. G. GORDON, General Manager.

L. DOWNES, A. O'D. GOURDIN, Auditors.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1891.

PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the second ordinary yearly meeting, to be held at the Hongkong Hotel at noon on Saturday, the 14th February, 1891:—

Gentlemen—The Directors now beg leave to submit to shareholders their Report with Statement of Accounts for the year 1890.

They regret very much that the accounts show a loss of \$4,329.64 on the year's working. The general depression in the Colony during 1890 has adversely affected this Company, as it has other enterprises. The Board has been much embarrassed by the failure of many shareholders to meet the calls due from time to time. A number of shares have been declared forfeited in consequence, but no action has, up to the present, been taken either with regard to the sale of such shares, or the prosecution of defaulting shareholders, under the existing circumstances of the Colony. The amount of calls due but unpaid at the close of the year was \$14,415. The final call of \$10 per share became due on the 20th January.

PROPERTY.
The building of the Hotel is completed, and the interior fittings will be finished in a few weeks. A portion of the new building was opened for business on the 1st May last.

CRAIGIEBUR.
In accordance with the wishes expressed by the shareholders at the last general meeting, the Directors endeavored to obtain a modification of the terms of the lease, but were unsuccessful. The house was closed on the 31st October last and the furniture removed to the new premises, since which date the only expense incurred has been the monthly rental and the wages of a watchman. Every effort has been, and is being made to sublet the premises.

PEAK HOTEL.
Since the opening of part of the building in May the results have been encouraging, and indicate that the losses sustained hitherto in the working have been solely due to the unfortunate tenure of Craigiebur.

FINANCE.
Payments to the contractors and others have shortly to be made to the amount of about \$40,000, to meet which the only available funds are the proceeds of the final call, about \$31,000, less the amount advanced by the Bank, \$24,000, which leaves a balance of about \$7,000 to meet liabilities. This is a matter which calls for the careful consideration of the shareholders. The reason of this difficulty, as stated last year, is that the original proposition to add to the old bungalow was found utterly unsuitable and unobtainable, and would, besides, have eventually entailed greater expenditure than the complete and commodious Hotel now built.

DEBENTURES.
These amount to \$65,000, at 6 per cent. per annum, to be paid off in five years; interest commencing from 31st December last, and is payable half-yearly.

DIRECTORS.
In April last Mr. R. Layton, retired from the Board, as was intimated to the shareholders by the Chairman at the last general meeting. The decision of Mr. J. S. Anderson, who, on the invitation of the Directors had occupied a seat at the Board for some time previously, was not confirmed by the same meeting, nor were the shareholders present able to induce any of their number to fill the vacancies. This placed the remaining Directors in a very uneasy and difficult position. Mr. Anderson's co-operation was considered by the other members of the Board as very useful and beneficial to the Company, and, further, with only three members it had been for some of the year difficult to obtain

quorum for Board meetings. In September last Mr. H. W. Dick consented to join the Board, but he will shortly be absent from the Colony for a period.

It will be necessary at this meeting that the shareholders should come prepared to elect new Directors to fill the vacancies.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. N. J. Ede and Mr. A. P. Stokes retire. The former does not offer himself for re-election; the latter is expected to return to the Colony shortly. The Board desires to mention that a letter was received last September from a shareholder, suggesting on behalf of himself and others that Mr. Anderson be invited to take part in the active management of the Hotel, but in view of what took place at the previous general meeting the Board felt itself entirely unable to entertain the proposal.

AUDITOR.
The accounts have been audited by Mr. Fullerton Henderson, who offers himself for re-election.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIN, Chairman (pro tem.)

Hongkong, 4th February, 1891.

Capital \$200,000, divided into 4,000 shares of \$50 each.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

Capital:	
4,000 Shares each \$50 on allotment	\$200,000.00
First Call \$10 per Share on 4,000 Shares	\$40,000.00
Less 135 Shares not paid-up	1,350.00
	\$38,650.00

Second Call \$15 per Share, on 4,000 Shares	\$60,000.00
Less 87 Shares not paid-up	13,065.00
	\$46,935.00

Debiture Loan:	
650 Debentures each \$100, handed A. Findlay Smith as per Prospectus	\$65,000.00
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	24,318.69
Sundry Creditors	75.00
	\$34,978.69

Assets.	
Land and Buildings cost to date	\$195,241.05
Furniture cost of date	17,807.44
Stock	9,729.84
Sundry Debtors	1,883.14
Cash	613.04
Unexpended Licence (12 months)	440.00
Balance to Profit and Loss	\$9,863.98
	\$314,977.69

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Dr.	
To Provisions	\$2,818.64
" Rent, Craigiebur	6,000.00
" Salaries	4,050.00
" Wages, Chinese and Coolie-hire	3,473.35
" Wines and Spirits	2,840.91
" Changes	2,272.22
" Coal and Gas	1,466.02
" Interest	396.78
" Washing	360.29
" Office Rent	360.00
" Bad Debts	321.15
" Sundry fees (years)	211.70
" Insurance	100.75
	\$30,825.71

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By Gross Earnings for the year 1890	\$26,431.07
" Scrip Fees	65.00
" Loss during 1890, carried to Profit and Loss Account	4,329.64
	\$30,825.71

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Amount from last Account, Loss during 1889	\$5,334.34
" Balance from Revenue Account during 1890	4,329.64
	\$9,863.98

By Amount carried to a new Account.

	\$9,863.98
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I have compared the Accounts with the Books and Vouchers at the Company's Office and found them correct.

F. HENDERSON, Auditor.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1891.

PAY DAY AT LAPPA.

Being in Macao on the 31st July, I accompanied the Customs accountant on his tour to pay the men at the Lappa Customs Stations near by. At 9.30 a.m. we embarked on one of the trim little revenue steamers, a miniature man-of-war, for Malow-chow, the main station of the Lappa Customs. The launch is clean and bright, not a speck on the Nordenfeldts, on the brasswork, or on the uniforms (white, with red sashes and board brimmed straw hats) of the crew. Steaming down the harbour among sampans, junkies, and other craft, we descended, and boarding one of our launches on the way, we finally reached Malow-chow, a barren, desolate rock, merely a rock, from which access to the shore can be had by boat only. Upon its bald face cling several rude Chinese houses, the residences and offices of a large Customs staff. Here we land and pay the men, returning then to Macao foriffin and to distribute the L. G.'s bountiful largesse among the in-door staff and the natives of the Head Office.

This time we board the launch again, and steam for Chien Shan, Station No. 2, situated some three or four miles up the river whose mouth forms the Inner Harbour of Macao. (This afternoon trip is the most pleasant part of the day. First the long, quiet steam up the river, conducive to pleasant thoughts and good digestion after the heavy tiffin made necessary by the morning exercises and fresh air. Conceive how blissful it is to sit, well protected from the blazing sun, comfortably aloft, breathing in the cool air, and gazing at the distant, verdant hills, the distant lighthouse, and the dense verdure in the Gardens of Camothes, soft nestling amid roofs of gray on the other hills and fields and summer sky, while over the neck of the lighthouse lie the blue sea and the bluer hills that look toward Hongkong. Junkies sail off on the ocean's bosom; their sails, which have the seeming of huge butterfly wings, glided with the sun, are full of grace. Junkies nearer and under whose heavy timbered sides we steam, or which the vehement scolding of the fierce little shrill-voiced whistle, ordered out of our way, are fantastic, strange, and lovely. The old structure of the boat, themselves, the miscellaneous crews of men, women, and children (the latter for the most part clad most healthily in dirt and sunburn), the pig, ducks, and chickens all equal in this compact application, the dogs, swilling in sandy or seaweed water, the

antique guns which line the sides and dumbly menace pirates and evil-doers, all form a picture as quaint as any man may wish to see.

Fast then all we go, past the Chinese vessels of war all aglow with flags, their ancient guns (well-nigh harmless, except to the servers), each like a pet poodle with a ribbon round its throat, and contrasting strangely with the handsome armament we saw in the morning on board the Portuguese men-of-war. They stood but lately opposed to each other, these vessels of war, the highest product of centuries of Chinese naval architecture and warlike design, and poor old Portugal's graceful gunboats, which though obsolete and likely to prove of but little utility in battle with modern powers, could smash to flinders swarms of such vessels as China had opposed to them on the banks of Macao. They fronted each other, and war threatened, for the gun boat *Rio Lima* beside the boundary ready to check the aggression of China, while the might of China, a fleet, some half-dozen strong, of war junks, promised annihilation to Macao. On the China shore, opposite the Inner Plain, a fort sprang up in a night, and one might look nowhere without seeing large red ensigns and fresh earthworks. Macao was fairly invested by guns and garrisons that a man with a Winchester repeater and a belt of cartridges might almost bid defiance to.

Happily the dogs of war, chafing so restlessly in their leashes, were not let loose. Peace broods again, the *Rio Lima* has gone back to her proper anchorage, and though the forts still stand, their guns are put to no more harmful purpose than saluting mandarins.

But now we draw near to the guard-boat *Tung Zi*, an ancient junk with an armament of 6 guns and a stand of antediluvian muskets, and a crew of twenty-two "braves." On this staunch vessel, for the better supervision of traffic and collection of dues, the Chien Shan office is placed.

As the launch draws near, one of the twenty-two "braves" springs to what might be called the poop, and plays most stirring martial airs upon a gong (I have no doubt they consist mainly of a Chinese equivalent for "The dollars are coming, the dollars are coming," which sounds most sweet to the ears of "The Camphobols are coming"). The musician must have blessed us, however, for unintentionally we made a jest of him. In the middle of something very heroic and fine in the gongist's best manner, the launch, pay officer, dollars and all, went speeding past without so much as "Thank you kindly," by way of recompense. There was a launch lying in a protected spot some two miles up the river undergoing repairs, and to her it was more convenient to go first. But when we returned the gong was mute.

Further and greater honours awaited us, to meet the fact, not like Cesar, who refused an offered crown, but somewhat as if royal head-dresses really adorned our unclassical brows. For, having boarded the guard-boat and paid all hands, as we stepped into the launch's gig to go ashore, three guns stirred the echoes in the neighbouring hills. So they honour—more I fear the almighty Hakwan tael than—the pay officer.

Here I bade adieu to all my greatness. My crown became a clumsy sun-hat, my chariot a chair, my only retainers three dirty chair-coolies, two to bear me and one for relief. Two small island stations still remained to be paid, and for these we were bound.

Chien Shan is some six or seven miles from Macao by land, and how the three chair-coolies managed to carry me that distance with but three steps of about five minutes each is a marvel. The scales had but a day or two before given a heavy verdict against me, but the puny little men walked off briskly, seemingly little concerned at the weight of their fare.

The day was hot, as an unclouded 31st of July is as a rule in the tropics. The sun seemed not content with shining down, and came in at the front of the chair through the back, the sides, and behind. Whenever a bright stone or spot of cool water was found, there from its polished surface or stagnant depths a malicious tormenting little sun glared up at me. I thought: "Now, by my life, this day grows wondrous hot; an airy devil hovers in the sky and pours down mischief."

The way led over plains amid the inevitable, innumerable graves to be encountered everywhere in China. With what strange indifference we foreigners in Cathay soon learn to look upon these last resting-places of our fellow men! At home a cemetery is a sacred place. The bones we laid down amid the tombs to champagne and sandwiches as commodiously as in a ball-room, and even the thought of that other gruesome banquet going on beneath our feet is not enough to stay our merriment. All kinds of graves are here, from the mud-heap of a pauper to the prince's mausoleum. We passed two long rows of mounds in regular order, like soldiers' graves. This is where the dead from the cholera of three summers ago lie. No painted tomb for the prince whose summons came in those days. If the enemy got him, he was stuck under ground, with little more ceremony than the beggar at his gate received.

But what a prosing stupid I am! The little brats howling into my chair remind me of my duty to finish this article some time during the reign of Kuang Hsu. The plain is passed and we are now in the midst of a Chinese village. First one small mud-daubed urchin thrusts his impudent face near the chair, sees its occupant and screams: "Ah! Yai! Fan-kuei, fan-kuei!" Then another comes and another, until a chorus of shrilly-uttered "Fan-kuei" fills the air. Pollard says they mean "Do you blame the king? Do you blame the king?" But do you blame the king? I do not blame the king, but I do the poor little chameleons of the plain, which, all alert, with heads upraised dart aside in an ecstasy of fear at my approach. I indeed only wonder the whole country side is not up in arms against me. I know too well how outrageous my appearance is, with a great sun-hat turned wrong side foremost for comfort, and myself twisting for the same reason into a variety of unimaginable contortions; each one less "human" than the one before, to feel either displeasure or alarm that any living thing should fear or resent me.

However, the village is small; we are soon through it, and I now find myself tremblingly poised over black abysses of mud, covered occasionally by a sheet of water; at least I presume there is water, since rich green slime abounds. O! delightful bath for a hot bull frog—but for a man unsuited! These ridges between the paddies afford precarious foothold for the coolies, and I sometimes fear me for my borrowed sun-hat, which I should fear or resent me.

